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1. IN REF B THE MISSION ADVISED THE DEPT OF THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN HAVING GOC SELECT THE SIX PARTICIPANTS ON SHORT NOTICE. AS HAS BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THE THREE GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR THE COLOMBIAN GOVT TO PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS. EMB AND DEA OFFICIALS AT POST WERE UNAWARE, HOWEVER THAT PERDIEM FOR PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE DOLS 23 PER DAY FOR FIRST TWENTY DAYS AND DOLS 12 PER DAY FOR THE REMAINING PERIOD. THE NATIONAL POLICE AND CUSTOMS HAVE ARRANGED THROUGH MINISTERIAL DECREES TO HAVE GOC PROVIDE FUNDS WHICH WILL BRING EACH PARTICIPANT'S PER DIEM TO DOLS 30 PER DAY.

2. THE CHIEF OF DAS HAS STATED THAT HIS AGENCY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FUND THE DIFFERENCE AND THE TWO DAS PARTICIPANTS HAVE ADVISED DEA/SIAC THAT THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND COURSE UNLESS THEY RECEIVE DOLS 30 PER DAY.

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3. THE MISSION URGES DEA TO MAKE AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE AMT OF DOLS 662 FOR EACH OF THE DAS PARTICIPANTS WHICH WILL BRING THE PER DIEM UP TO DOLS 30 PER DAY. WE FEEL THAT DAS PARTICIPATION IS MOST DESIRABLE AND IN THE USG INTEREST. THIS COURSE WAS PRESENTED ON SHORT NOTICE. OUR ORIGINAL MESSAGE TO THE ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INDICATED THAT USG WOULD PAY ALL EXPENSES IN THE US AND WE LEFT OPEN THE QUESTION OF PAYMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. WE THEN HAD TO TELL THE AGENCIES THEY WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR SUCH TRAVEL, TO WHICH THEY AGREED. WE THEN HAD TO ASK THEM TO HAVE THE PARTICIPANTS IN WASHINGTON A WEEK EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED, TO WHICH THEY AGREED. WE THEN LEARNED THAT INSUFFICIENT PER DIEM WOULD BE PAID TO COVER THEIR SUBSISTANCE WHILE IN THE US. THE MISSION IS CONVINCED THAT DAS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS. WE, THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT DEA PROVIDE THE SUM OF DOLS 1,324 SO THAT THE DAS OFFICERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAINING. WHITE

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